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To posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACA (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BOSWELL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Ms. CARSON, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HARE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alice Paul Congres-
3 sional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Alice Paul was born on January, 11, 1885,
7 in Moorestown New Jersey, and died on July 9,
8 1977.

9 (2) Alice Paul dedicated her life to securing suf-
10 frage and equal rights for all women and, as founder
11 of the National Woman’s Party, she was instru-
12 mental in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the
13 United States Constitution.

14 (3) Alice Paul and the National Woman’s Party
15 were the first group ever to picket the White House.

16 (4) While President Woodrow Wilson trumpeted
17 America’s values of democracy abroad during World
18 War I, Alice Paul was dedicated to reminding the
19 President that not all Americans enjoyed democracy
20 at home.

21 (5) Alice Paul used nonviolent civil disobedience
22 to bring national attention to the women’s suffrage
23 movement, such as the 3-week hunger strike she un-
24 dertook when she was sentenced to jail in October,
25 1917, for her demonstrations.

1 (6) Alice Paul's courage inspired thousands of
2 women to join the women's suffrage movement.

3 (7) Instead of patiently waiting for States to
4 grant women suffrage, Alice Paul mobilized an en-
5 tire generation of women to pressure the United
6 States Congress and the President to give all women
7 in America the right to vote.

8 (8) Alice Paul did not stop her fight after the
9 19th Amendment was ratified; she drafted the Equal
10 Rights Amendment to the United States Constitu-
11 tion in 1923 and fought tirelessly for its passage
12 until her death 54 years later.

13 (9) Alice Paul lobbied Congress to include gen-
14 der in civil rights bills and was successful in includ-
15 ing sex discrimination in Title VII of the Civil
16 Rights Act of 1964.

17 (10) Alice Paul sought equal rights for women
18 all over the world, not just Americans and, as a
19 means of pursuing this goal, founded the World
20 Party for Equal Rights for Women in the 1930's.

21 (11) Alice Paul was instrumental in the place-
22 ment of a passage on gender equality in the pre-
23 amble of the United Nations Charter.

1 (12) Few people have played a greater role in
2 shaping the history of the United States than Alice
3 Paul.

4 (13) Alice Paul is an example to all Americans
5 of what one person can do to make a difference for
6 millions of people.

7 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

8 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
9 the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-
10 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
11 for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of the Con-
12 gress, of a gold medal of appropriate design in commemo-
13 ration of Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the wom-
14 en’s suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for
15 women.

16 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
17 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
18 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
19 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
20 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
21 Secretary.

22 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

23 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
24 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
25 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at

1 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
2 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
3 and the cost of the gold medal.

4 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

5 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
6 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
7 51 of title 31, United States Code.

8 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
9 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
10 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
12 **SALE.**

13 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
14 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
15 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-
16 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
17 to this Act.

18 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
19 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
20 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
21 Enterprise Fund.

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